

# HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION

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## HBA BOARD MEETING

January 21, 1987

Attendance - Albert Roig, Virginia Class-Matthews, Julio Sanchez, Grissele Camacho-Pagan, Jose Ginarte, Margarita Echevarria, Patricia C. Valladares.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The first topic of discussion was item Number 4 on the agenda Legal Openings. It was decided that the President who receives notices of openings will keep all information and all members of the Board can refer any applicants or anyone interested in the positions to him.

Jose discussed Urban Legal Fellowship at CUNY. This is a two (2) year fellowship. Jose will send copies of the proposal to the law schools at Rutgers, Seton Hall and Rutgers, in Camden.

The next topic of discussion was Requests of the Donations by Different Groups. Aspira is requesting a donation from the HBA. The HBA has always donated for the ad journal of the Aspira Annual luncheon. It was decided that the HBA would donate \$125 for this purpose.

The Montclair Interpreters Association is requesting that the HBA donate to their scholarship fund. This was discussed at length by the Board and it was decided that the HBA would donate \$100 to the scholarship fund.

Alberto proposed to the Board that the HBA become an associate member of the HNBA. He explained what the advantages of such an affiliation would mean to the HBA. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the HBA would join the HNBA as an associate member. There was a vote put to the Board to appropriate the \$100 membership fee in order to accomplish this. This motion was passed.

Jose presented to the Board his position regarding the hiring of an executive director in the future. He explained that this person would be able to set up a foundation with the purpose of raising money on behalf of the HBA. This person would function as a general manager. His function would include also his soliciting from different corporations an associations on behalf of the HBA. Under the same topic the discussion focused on making the HBA a tax exempt association under the IRS regulations. It was decided that Margie would work towards the incorporation as the HBA, thus beginning the process towards acquiring the tax exempt status. It was further decided that a fund raiser event would be held in the Spring to

raise starting money in order<sup>to</sup> accomplish the hiring of an executive director. Jose would make all the arrangements for this event and would get back to the members of the Board regarding a date and a ticket price.

The next topic of discussion was the HBA's donation to the New Jersey Bar Association Legal Center. It was decided that the HBA's donation would consist of \$500.

Grissele suggested that the HBA send a letter to Hispanic members of the Congress supporting the legislation to protect Nicaraguan and Salvadoran refugees for deportation. Jose would write a letter on behalf of the HBA to that end.

There was also a discussion by the Board regarding attendance to the HNBA Convention in October to be held in Miami.

The next Board meeting is to be held on Wednesday, February 18, 1987 at 6 P.M.